

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 13, 2011

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1192

Introduced by Assembly Member Garrick

February 18, 2011

An act to add Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 120460) to Part 2 of Division 105 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1192, as amended, Garrick. Immunization information: pertussis.

Existing law creates various programs relating to requiring and distributing information relating to immunizations for various communicable diseases.

This bill would ~~require the department to create and distribute information for use by hospitals that includes, during the postpartum period and prior to discharge, a hospital to provide parents of newborns with specified information relating to pertussis. The bill would also require hospitals to distribute that information to the parents of newborn children prior to release from the hospital.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** *The Legislature finds and declares all of the*
- 2 *following:*
- 3 *(a) The federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices,*
- 4 *part of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,*

1 *has issued recommendations for the use of the pertussis vaccine,*
2 *stressing the importance of routinely vaccinating those with close*
3 *contact with infants.*

4 *(b) This issue is particularly important in California due to the*
5 *ongoing pertussis epidemic. In 2010, over 9,000 cases were*
6 *reported to the State Department of Public Health— more cases*
7 *than in any of the preceeding 65 years.*

8 *(c) The most severe disease occurs in infants three months of*
9 *age or younger. Many of the 2010 cases occurred in infants, and*
10 *10 infant deaths were reported.*

11 *(d) In the first three months of 2011, 514 cases of pertussis were*
12 *reported.*

13 **SECTION 1.**

14 **SEC. 2.** Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 120460) is
15 added to Part 2 of Division 105 of the Health and Safety Code, to
16 read:

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18 **CHAPTER 3.5. IMMUNIZATION EDUCATION**
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20 ~~120460. (a) The department shall create and distribute~~
21 ~~information for use by hospitals that includes all of the following:~~

22 ~~(1) Information on the signs of pertussis, otherwise known as~~
23 ~~whooping cough.~~

24 ~~(2) Information on the risks of pertussis.~~

25 ~~(3) The availability of a vaccine for pertussis.~~

26 ~~(b) Hospitals shall distribute the information provided by the~~
27 ~~department to the parents of newborn children prior to release from~~
28 ~~the hospital.~~

29 ~~(c) Nothing in this section shall require a hospital to provide or~~

30 ~~120460. (a) During the postpartum period, prior to discharge,~~
31 ~~a hospital shall provide parents of newborns with all of the~~
32 ~~following information:~~

33 ~~(1) The risks of pertussis, especially as those risks pertain to~~
34 ~~infants.~~

35 ~~(2) The availability of a vaccine to protect against pertussis.~~

36 ~~(3) The recommendation of the federal Centers for Disease~~
37 ~~Control and Prevention that those with close contact with newborns~~
38 ~~receive vaccination against pertussis.~~

- 1 *(b) Nothing in this section shall require a hospital to provide*
- 2 *or pay for vaccination against pertussis.*

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